

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 148

**Introduced by Assembly Members Cedillo, Escutia,
Gallegos, Knox, Kuehl, Napolitano, and Villaraigosa**
(Coauthors: Senators Hughes and Solis)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 148—Relative to the
Marine Private First Class Eugene A. Obregon Interchange.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 148, as introduced, Cedillo. The Marine Private First
Class Eugene A. Obregon Interchange.

This measure would designate the freeway interchange
involving Interstate Highway Routes 5 and 10 and State
Highway Routes 60 and 101, commonly referred to as the East
Los Angeles Interchange, the Marine Private First Class
Eugene A. Obregon Interchange. The measure also would
request the Department of Transportation to determine the
cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation
and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering
that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, While serving as an ammunition carrier
2 with Golf Company, Third Battalion, Fifth Marine
3 Regiment, First Marine Division (Reinforced), during
4 the Korean War, Private First Class Eugene A. Obregon
5 was killed in action on September 26, 1950; and

1 WHEREAS, While serving his country, Private First
2 Class Obregon's machine-gun squad was temporarily
3 pinned down by hostile fire; and during this time, he
4 observed a fellow marine fall wounded in the line of fire;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Armed only with a pistol, Private First
7 Class Obregon unhesitantly dashed from his cover
8 position to the side of the fallen marine; and

9 WHEREAS, Firing his pistol with one hand as he ran,
10 Private First Class Obregon grasped his comrade by the
11 arm, and despite the great peril to himself, dragged the
12 marine to the side of the road; and

13 WHEREAS, Still under enemy fire, Private First Class
14 Obregon was bandaging the marine's wounds when
15 hostile troops began approaching their position; and

16 WHEREAS, Quickly seizing the wounded marine's
17 rifle, Private First Class Obregon placed his own body as
18 a shield in front of the wounded marine and lay there
19 firing accurately and effectively into the approaching
20 enemy troops until he, himself, was fatally wounded by
21 enemy machine-gun fire; and

22 WHEREAS, By his courageous fighting spirit, fortitude,
23 and loyal devotion to duty, Private First Class Obregon
24 enabled his fellow marines to rescue the wounded
25 marine; and

26 WHEREAS, Private First Class Obregon gallantly and
27 bravely gave his life for his country, thereby upholding
28 the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service
29 and the United States Marine Corps; and

30 WHEREAS, By fate and courage, Private First Class
31 Eugene Obregon is one of the valiant Mexican-Americans
32 to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation's
33 highest military honor for bravery; now, therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the*
35 *Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby
36 designates the freeway interchange involving Interstate
37 Highway Routes 5 and 10 and State Highway Routes 60
38 and 101, commonly referred to as the East Los Angeles
39 Interchange, as the Marine Private First Class Eugene A.
40 Obregon Interchange, in honor and in recognition of



1 Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Private First
2 Class Eugene A. Obregon, United States Marine Corps,
3 for conspicuous gallantry and bravery while serving his
4 country during the Korean War; and be it further

5 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is
6 requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques
7 and markers, consistent with the signing requirements
8 for the state highway system, showing this special
9 designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
10 sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques and
11 markers; and be it further

12 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly
13 transmit copies of this resolution to the Director of
14 Transportation and to the author for distribution.

